

**RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION UNDER THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM WITH THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL INSURANCE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bridgewater, employer location number 0005-00, hereby elects to participate in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for all the employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bridgewater elects to participate in the Employee Prescription Drug Plan defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25, et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bridgewater elects to participate in the Employee Dental Plans defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bridgewater elects 30 hours per week (average) as the minimum requirement for full-time status in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:9-4.6; and

**WHEREAS**, as a participating employer, the Township of Bridgewater will remit to the State Treasury all charges due on account of employee and dependent coverage and periodic charges in accordance with the regulations of the statute and the rules and regulations duly promulgated thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bridgewater hereby appoints Christine Madrid as the Certifying Officer in the administration of this program; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney has reviewed the proposal to participate in the state health benefits program effective May 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution shall take effect immediate and coverage shall be effective as of April 1, 2022 or as soon thereafter as it may be effectuated pursuant to the statutes and regulations (no less than 75 or 90 days pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:9-1.4); and

**WHEREAS**, the acceptance of the program is subject to the appropriation of adequate funds through the 2022 budget and in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5, Joseph Sarno of Holman Frenia Allision P.C., Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits has provided its own resolution form to be completed by the Township of Bridgewater as a condition of joining the program, attached hereto as Schedule A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Township of Bridgewater shall participate in the Health Program, as provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey, as the Township's healthcare plan effective May 1, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Schedule A is a true and certified copy of the resolution form provided by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits is attached hereto and shall be submitted to the State to fully effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

Introduced	Seconded	Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
✓		Norgalis	✓			
		Pedroso	✓			
	✓	Ring	✓			
		Kirsh	✓			
		Kurdyla	✓			

Adopted: January 13, 2022